

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for wagering on a future race using an interactive wagering system, comprising:

5 providing a user with the ability to place a wager in a first wagering pool for the future race, wherein the interactive wagering system provides a second wagering pool for the future race and wherein the second wagering pool closes after the first wagering pool closes.

2. The method defined in claim 1 further comprising providing the user with the ability to place a wager in the second wagering pool.

3. The method defined in claim 1 wherein the first and second wagering pools accept wagers of the same wager type.

4. The method defined in claim 1 wherein the second wagering pool is open while the first wagering pool is open.

5. The method defined in claim 1 wherein the second wagering pool opens when the first wagering pool closes.

6. The method defined in claim 1 wherein the second wagering pool opens at some time after the first wagering pool closes.

7. The method defined in claim 1 wherein the odds and payouts for the first wagering pool are being calculated while the first wagering pool is open and wherein the odds and payouts for the second 5 wagering pool are being calculated while the second wagering pool is open.

8. The method defined in claim 7 wherein the odds and payouts for the first wagering pool become fixed when the first wagering pool closes and wherein the odds and payouts for the second wagering pool 5 become fixed when the second wagering pool closes.

9. The method defined in claim 1 further comprising providing the user with the ability to access wagering pool information.

10. The method defined in claim 9 wherein the wagering pool information for a closed wagering pool includes fixed odds and payouts for the future race.

11. The method defined in claim 9 wherein the wagering pool information for an open wagering pool includes current odds and payouts for the future race.

12. The method defined in claim 1 further comprising notifying the user of future race events by displaying a message.

13. The method defined in claim 1 further comprising monitoring user actions to create a user profile.

14. The method defined in claim 13 further comprising:

finding future race events that may be of interest to the user based on the user profile; and  
5 notifying the user of the future race events that may be of interest.

15. The method defined in claim 14 further comprising notifying the user of the future race events that may be of interest by displaying a message.

16. The method defined in claim 14 further comprising adding the future race events to a list.

17. The method defined in claim 16 further comprising providing the user with the ability to access the list.

18. A system for wagering on a future race using an interactive wagering system, comprising:

a first wagering pool for the future race;  
5 a second wagering pool for the future race, wherein the second wagering pool closes after the first wagering pool closes; and  
10 user equipment configured to provide the user with the ability to place a wager in the first wagering pool for the future race.

19. The system defined in claim 18 wherein the user equipment is further configured to provide the user with the ability to place a wager in the second wagering pool.

20. The system defined in claim 18 wherein the first and second wagering pools accept wagers of the same wager type.

21. The system defined in claim 18 wherein the second wagering pool is open while the first wagering pool is open.

22. The system defined in claim 18 wherein the second wagering pool opens when the first wagering pool closes.

23. The system defined in claim 18 wherein the second wagering pool opens at some time after the first wagering pool closes.

24. The system defined in claim 18 further comprising a totalisator configured to (a) calculate the odds and payouts for the first wagering pool while the first wagering pool is open and (b) calculate the odds and payouts for the second wagering pool while the second wagering pool is open.

25. The system defined in claim 24 wherein the totalisator is further configured to (a) fix the odds and payouts for the first wagering pool when the first wagering pool closes and (b) fix the odds and payouts for the second wagering pool when the second wagering pool closes.

26. The system defined in claim 18 wherein the user equipment is further configured to provide the user with the ability to access wagering pool information.

27. The system defined in claim 26 wherein the wagering pool information for a closed wagering pool includes fixed odds and payouts for the future race.

28. The system defined in claim 26 wherein the wagering pool information for an open wagering pool includes current odds and payouts for the future race.

29. The system defined in claim 18 wherein the user equipment is configured to display a message to notify the user of future race events.

30. The system defined in claim 18 wherein the user equipment is configured to monitor user actions to create a user profile.

31. The system defined in claim 30 wherein the user equipment is further configured to:

find future race events that may be of interest to the user based on the user profile; and

5 notify the user of the future race events that may be of interest.

32. The system defined in claim 31 wherein the user equipment is further configured to display a message to notify the user of available future race events that may be of interest.

33. The system defined in claim 31 wherein the user equipment is further configured to maintain and add the future race events that may be of interest to a list.

34. The system defined in claim 33 wherein the user equipment is further configured to provide the user with the ability to access the list.